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VIGIL Mathias Feve, 9, waves a French flag at a gathering on Nepean Point Sunday afternoon to show support for Paris in the wake of Friday's deadly attacks. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

France ramps up airstrikes

Bombs target ISIL as police seek attacker

France launched "massive" airstrikes on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group's de-facto capital in Syria Sunday night, destroying a jihadi training camp and a munitions dump in the city of Raqqa, where Iraqi intelligence officials say the attacks on Paris were planned.

Twelve aircraft including 10 fighter jets dropped a total of 20 bombs in the biggest airstrikes since France extended its bombing campaign against ISIL to Syria in September, a Defence Ministry statement said. The jets launched from sites in Jordan and the Persian Gulf, in co-ordination with U.S. forces.

Meanwhile, as police announced seven arrests and hunted for more members of the sleeper cell that carried out the attacks that killed 129 people, officials revealed that several key suspects had been stopped and released after the attack.

The arrest warrant for Salah Abdeslam, a 26-year-old born in Brussels, calls him very dangerous and warns people not to intervene if they see him.

Police had him in their grasp Saturday, when they stopped a car carrying three men near the Belgian border. By then, hours had passed since authorities identified Abdeslam as the renter of a VW Polo that carried hostage takers to the theatre where so many died. French police officials and a top French security official confirmed that officers let him go after checking his ID. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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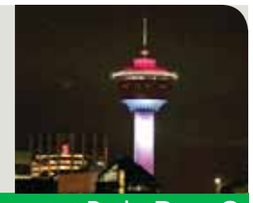

Cities across the country light up to support Paris. Page 8

Metro travels to Thailand, China with Mayor Watson

BUSINESS

Delegation hopes to secure foreign investments

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Mayor Jim Watson starts a whirlwind week-long economic trip to Asia on Monday.

With economic development agency Invest Ottawa, he's leading 15 business delegates to Beijing where the group will try to drum up foreign investments. Midweek, he departs for Bangkok to participate in the massive One Young World summit, which Ottawa is hosting next year.

Metro is the only local news organization on the ground in both China and Thailand, following the mayor on his second such trip to Asia.

So far, the itinerary includes a matchmaking session between Ottawa's business delegates and potential Chinese investors, a tour of the high-tech Haidian District and a meet-and-greet with the mayor of Beijing and Canada's ambassador.

Watson said the 2013 trip to China resulted in several foreign investment agreements worth millions of dollars, which were signed between tourism, business, and education partners.

"The economy doesn't simply grow on its own," he said at a press conference last month announcing the overseas trip. "We have to get out there and market like every other international city around the world."

Over the past two years, Invest Ottawa has also organized 10 economic missions to China and welcomed 30 delegations from overseas.

Watson's trip is on the heels of Premier Kathleen Wynne's first sojourn to Beijing, Shanghai, and Nanjing where she secured almost $1 billion in new Chinese investment in Ontario and nearly 1,800 new jobs.

> **The economy simply doesn't grow on its own.**
> Jim Watson

The mayor is only in Thailand for two full days, where he will speak at the annual One Young World summit during an urban innovation panel and at the event's closing ceremonies.

It will give us a sense of what the conference will look like in Ottawa next year. It's expected to welcome 1,300 youth from across the globe and generate $2 million in economic spinoffs.

WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Mayor Jim Watson prepares to depart from the Ottawa airport on Sunday for a week-long trip to Beijing and Bangkok. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

A cruiser waits outside as officers survey 340 Lacasse Ave. JOE LOFARO/METRO

CRIME

Police examine Vanier homicide

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Police are investigating the city's seventh homicide of the year and the fourth shooting in a week after a man was shot dead in Vanier on Saturday night.

The shooting took place at approximately 8:30 p.m. at 340 Lacasse Ave., a two-storey apartment building just south of Montreal Road.

Police identified the victim as 41-year-old Dady Jean of Ottawa. He was taken to hospital and later pronounced dead, according to police.

On Sunday morning, investigators were canvassing the scene both inside and outside the home as they blocked off surrounding streets.

No other details have been provided at this time.

Ottawa's 2015 homicide rate is now even with 2014's total.

The incident is also the city's 35th shooting of the year. WITH FILES FROM JOE LOFARO

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5 THINGS TO WATCH AT CITY HALL THIS WEEK

1 Accessibility advisory committee

The advisory committee will meet to review several hot new topics and how accessibility will factor in. Up for discussion: Para Transpo Service standards, accessibility at Arts Court and the taxi and limousine review.

2 Environmental stewardship advisory committee

This advisory committee meets Thursday to look at the urban forest management plan and weigh in on the 2016 budget plan. The committee is also approving its 2015-18 work plan and confirming future meeting dates.

3 New segregated bike lanes

Cyclists can try out a new east-west bikeway in the downtown that opened Friday. The new lane is on Laurier Avenue between Albert Street and Bay Street. The project includes a raised 1.5-metre-wide bike track and a signalized pedestrian crossing on Albert Street.

4 Overnight parking changes

Just in time for winter 2015, the city has changed the way overnight-parking restrictions will work as of Nov. 15. This year, residents will have free access to covered city-owned parking garages when a restriction is called due to heavy snowfall.

HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

5 NCC's history of Ottawa urban planning

Not strictly city hall business, but of definite interest to those who follow municipal politics. The National Capital Commission's Capital Urbanism Lab is holding a workshop Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss the history of urban planning in the capital. Find out which 19th- and 20th-century decisions influence the city's design today.

Ottawans show unity with France

A couple wears the flag of France at a vigil at Nepean Point on Sunday. People gathered there to honour the victims of Friday's attacks in Paris. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Paris

Canadians join French ex-pats in mourning a country's loss

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's French ambassador Nicolas Chapuis didn't know what to make of the cryptic message he received Friday afternoon from his son who is studying in France.

It contained just three words: "I am safe."

In his office, Chapuis soon went online only to learn the country had been under siege by co-ordinated terrorist attacks in the heart of the French capital.

"I saw the magnitude of what was developing, it took a few hours to get an idea of how atrocious the attacks had been," he said Sunday at a solidarity march in Ottawa.

About 150 people of all ages gathered at Nepean Point — a reminder that Ottawa is an international city with residents from around the world.

Many mourners had close friends and family in France. Others were Ottawans with no connection to Paris who showed up in solidarity.

Chapuis had strong words to describe the attackers, but said Canada shouldn't turn it's back on the promise to bring 25,000 refugees to the country by the end of the year.

"We will be merciless in the way we will defend our values and protect our citizens," he said. "The attack against Paris was an attack against the world."

Citizens express their condolences by leaving flowers and candles in memory of the dead. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Laurent Feve, who moved his family to Ottawa from France three months ago, brought his nine-year-old son Mathias to the gathering.

The father and son took turns holding up a large French flag during speeches and the singing of the French and Canadian national anthems.

"It was a crush in our hearts when we heard about what happened in France. We have family in Paris and it was a nightmare," he said.

Reaching his family after the attacks was a challenge, said Feve.

Now they know their loved ones are safe, but the fear doesn't end.

"I was just thinking about the people going to the concert. To die that way, they just expected to have fun. But it was a slaughter," he said.

"You almost want to just stay in your house — but that's not the way of living, that's not how the French want to live."

> **"You almost want to just stay in your house — but that's not the way of living, that's not how the French want to live.**
> Laurent Feve, French ex-pat

The France Ottawa Association organized the event and president Charles Romero said the large turnout was inspiring.

"The French cannot gather in Paris because of the state of emergency," he said.

"So we gather here from abroad."

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House Humour columnist Chris Lackner imagines how things might play out in a slightly different universe. MURRAY CLOSE-LIONSGATE-AP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Proposing a Panem Parliament

Electoral reform needs a Canadian Hunger Games

HOUSE HUMOUR

Chris Lackner
For Metro

Canada's road to electoral reform lies through Panem. A home-and-native Hunger Games is a surefire way the Liberals can replace our broken first-past-the-post system.

Sure, we're a bunch of Dudley Do-Rights — so the weapons would have to be strictly paintball guns and NERF products. But the blockbuster franchise offers a model for selecting our MPs that would be far more crowd-pleasing, engaging and democratic. (Doesn't a government led by people skilled in foam crossbow seem fairer than chronic majorities won with 40 per cent of the vote?).

Here's how a Canadian Games might work:

Districts and Arenas: First, rename our provinces after both numbers and national parks (e.g. District 6: Algonquin, District 9: Banff), and rotate hosting duties. Think of all that infrastructure money the Liberals could spend transforming, say, Gatineau Park into a giant invisible force field full of mutant reindeer trained in karate, and sentient, body-snatching pine trees. We could fix the event to Canada Day every four years.

The Reaping: Hoping for their own Katniss, each party would select a slate of provincial or territorial tributes.

Gamemakers: These visionaries design the treacherous arenas and their customized obstacles. Now that he doesn't lord over Parliament, this sounds like the perfect job for Stephen Harper.

Hosts: We have lots of colourful options, from a Don Cherry and Ron MacLean combo, to Martin Short, Alan Thicke, Michael Bublé, or Rita MacNeil.

Traps: Possibilities include a long Tim Hortons lineup that lures tributes into the open; the threat of "separatism" — in which the course splits apart and contestants are plunged into a sticky pit of Maple Syrup; ambushes from hockey goons; and robotic Justin Trudeau boxing figures that pop up with a punch.

Obstacles: Panem was big on breeding Muttations, genetically-altered animals. Wait until Canadians see their MP candidates face off against giant, mutant beavers with vampire fangs that shoot lasers out of their eyes, mutant snowmen that give contestants a solid "thumpety thump thump," or 10-foot tall Mounties with six arms?

Our capital becomes The Capitol: Most of the country already equates Ottawa with Panem's ruling city full of entitled, resource-sucking, free-spending materialists. We basically just need to change the welcome signs.

Cornucopia: In the Games, this precariously positioned array of survival goodies includes water, food and weapons. In the Canuck version, I assume it will consist of curling brooms, Canadian Tire money and Canadian bacon.

Senate Reform: Trudeau can introduce a trial run to fill vacant Senate seats; each "District" can draw to determine their two candidates. Every time the Games hits a dramatic low point, the Gamemaker can simply airdrop a package of Camembert cheese into the arena.

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ETFO

Teachers' union agrees to deal

Ontario's elementary teachers have ratified a new central contract agreement with the provincial government, bringing a formal end to their work-to-rule campaign.

Members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation voted 86 per cent in favour of the deal, while 98 per cent of union locals also voted to accept the tentative agreement reached Nov. 2. Under ETFO's "double majority" voting process, both union members and union locals must vote to ratify the central agreement.

"While this round of bargaining was exceptionally lengthy and difficult, ETFO members pressed for improvements related to student learning conditions such as special education, class size and composition, teacher professional judgement and health and safety issues," ETFO President Sam Hammond said in a release.

ETFO was the last of Ontario's four big teachers' unions to reach a new contract agreement, but the government insisted all of them were "net zero" deals, meaning any wage increases had to be offset by savings found elsewhere.

Those earlier agreements with unions representing high school teachers, Catholic teachers and their colleagues in the province's French school system included pay raises of 1.5 per cent plus another one-per-cent bonus.

Education Minister Liz Sandals has said the key elements in the ETFO agreement, such as salary, are similar to those ratified earlier by the other teachers' unions, but details have not been made public.

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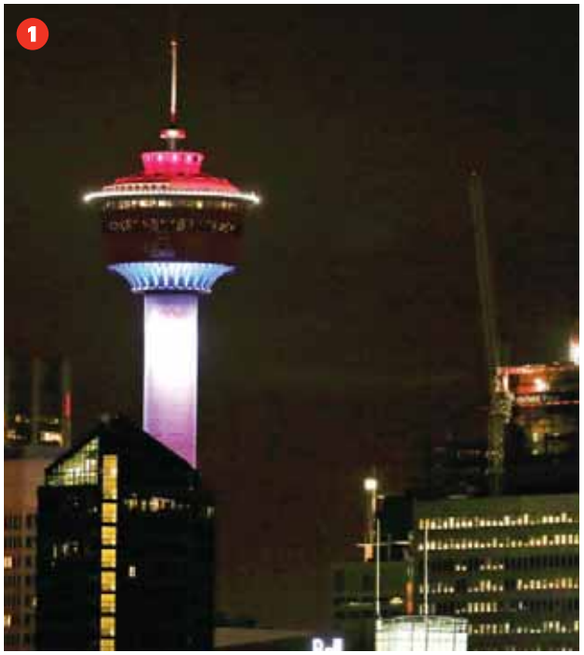

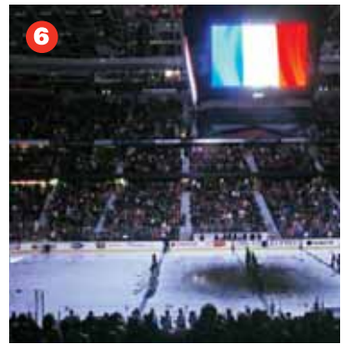

1 Calgary
The Calgary Tower turned the colours of the French flag following the attacks in Paris.
The Canadian Press

2 Edmonton
On both Saturday and Sunday evening, the High Level Bridge shone in solidarity.
Ryan Tumilty/Metro Edmonton

3 Toronto
The CN Tower was one of the first global landmarks to glow in blue, white and red.
Torstar News Service

4 Winnipeg:
The recently installed Grey Cup sign at The Forks in Winnipeg was illuminated over the weekend.
The Canadian Press

5 Halifax
On Saturday evening, Haligonians could see Halifax City Hall lit up in French colours.
@AlexanderQuon

6 Ottawa
On Friday, a moment of silence to honour victims featured the French flag on a video screen prior to NHL action.
Fred Chartrand/ The Canadian Press

7 Vancouver
The sails of Canada Place in Vancouver were lit blue, white and red on Saturday night.
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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau takes part in a moment of silence to honour the victims of Friday's attacks in Paris, at the start of a plenary session at the G20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey, on Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Trudeau low key on response to attacks

Paris

World leaders step up calls for unity against ISIL

World leaders led by U.S. President Barack Obama are stepping up their calls for a united fight against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) extremists, portraying Friday's deadly attack in Paris as an assault against all their countries.

Obama branded the terrorist incident as an "attack on the civilized world."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kept a low profile on the issue at the G20 Summit in Antalya, Turkey, on Sunday. He used his first foray on the world stage to talk up infrastructure investments and youth as the keys to economic success, and spoke strongly about climate change.

He only spoke about security when prompted by a reporter on Sunday.

> **This cannot be just another summit.**
> Donald Tusk, president of the European Council

"Obviously the safety and security of Canadians is a priority for me and my government. I've been speaking with our minister of public safety, been speaking with the various police and security agencies to ensure that Canadians are kept safe," Trudeau said. "It's a topic we are engaging with here with the other leaders as well to ensure continued safety for our citizens."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARSON

Mosque set ablaze on purpose, police say

A fire at Peterborough, Ont.'s only mosque, Masjid Al-Salaam, was deliberately set around 11 p.m. on Saturday, police said Sunday.

They added they don't have a suspect or a motive. They couldn't say whether the fire was connected to the recent attacks in Paris that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is taking credit for. The Peterborough fire department has pegged damages at $80,000, though the building's exterior is relatively unscathed.

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IMMIGRATION

Stay open to refugees: Envoy

The French ambassador to Canada has vowed the horrific events in Paris would not affect his country's policy toward the Syrian refugee crisis.

Even though a Syrian passport was found among the remains of one of the suicide bombers that struck the French capital's soccer stadium.

The lead, which has yet to be verified, casts a shadow over efforts by both France, and now the Trudeau government, to give safe haven to some of the tens of thousands of refugees and migrants who've flooded across Europe since the spring.

"Let's not be mistaken. France has always been a land of asylum, like Canada,"

Nicolas Chapuis
JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nicolas Chapuis said. "The people who are seeking refuge are not the barbarians. They are fleeing the barbarians."

The refugees are victims of the cruelty of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), who are only asking to live in freedom and peace, Chapuis said.

"Certainly there will be individuals who are going to try to take opportunity to mix with the refugees in order to spread chaos, but let there be no mistake: This should not stop us from opening our arms and helping those who are seeking our help. It is part of our humanity."

The remarks could have the effect of stiffening the Trudeau government, which faces renewed concern and questions about the planned resettlement of 25,000 Syrian refugees before the end of the year — one of its signature campaign initiatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lebanon detains nine suspects in connection to Beirut attacks

Lebanon has detained seven Syrians and two Lebanese suspected of involvement in planning terrorist attacks, including a twin bombing last week, and smuggling extremists into the country.

Interior Minister Nohad Machnouk announced the arrests Sunday, three days after a twin suicide attack in a southern Beirut suburb killed 43 people and wounded more than 200.

Machnouk says the attackers were planning to strike the Rasoul al-Aazm hospital, which is run by the militant Hezbollah group, but changed their minds because of tight security. He says they instead targeted a busy street near the hospital during rush hour on Thursday evening. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The scene of Thursday's twin suicide bombings in Burj al-Barajneh.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kurdish forces uncover two mass graves in town formerly ruled by ISIL

Kurdish forces said Sunday they uncovered two mass graves outside Sinjar, a northern Iraqi town near the Syrian border that was ruled by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group for more than a year before the extremists were driven out last week. The first grave uncovered was west of the town's centre near the technical institute and contained 78 elderly women's bodies, the Sinjar director of intelligence, Qasim Samir, told The Associated Press. The second grave was uncovered about 15 kilometres west of Sinjar and contained between 50 and 60 bodies of men, women and children, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A mass grave of more than 50 Yazidis killed by ISIL.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People gather for a national service for the victims of the terror attack at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris on Sunday. Thousands of French troops deployed around Paris on Sunday and tourist sites stood shuttered in one of the most visited cities on Earth while investigators questioned the relatives of a suspected suicide bomber involved in the country's deadliest violence since World War II. DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivors speak of 'hell' during Bataclan massacre

Paris

Famous music venue became scene of utter chaos, horror

There was a moment — just a moment — when the concert hall was eerily quiet. The rock band had stopped playing, and people had dived to the floor after realizing the sudden explosions hadn't been part of the show. Everything was silent.

Then the attackers started again, strafing the crowd with automatic gunfire. There were screams of terror, the staccato of Kalashnikovs and cries of the wounded, followed by a standoff with police and the explosions of suicide bombs.

By the time the ordeal was over at one of Paris' celebrated entertainment venues, 89 people were dead and many more were wounded, entangled bodies in pools of blood.

A French survivor summed it up with one word: "Hell."

It was a sell-out crowd at the Bataclan on Friday for the 9 p.m. concert by an American group, the Eagles of Death Metal. Less than an hour after the band began its set, a series of bangs rang out. Many thought it was firecrackers or pyrotechnics.

"Everyone thought it was part of the show, but then I saw the lead singer's face drop before he ran off stage, and the lights came on," university student Hanna Corbett, 21, told the Nottingham Post newspaper of Britain.

"We all just dropped to the floor. When the music stopped, there was this haunting silence in between gunfire and I could see blood on the floor."

As the Eagles of Death Metal performed, at about 9:40 p.m., a black Volkswagen Polo drew up and parked outside the Bataclan, French officials said.

The gunmen in the concert hall were "very calm, very methodical, very slow," John Leader, 46, told Australia Broadcasting Corp. after escaping with his 12-year-old son. Two of the men worked together, one aiming and shooting while the other covered him.

> **They were obviously trying to stay quiet so that they didn't attract more gunfire.**
> French survivor Michael O'Connor, on the wounded refraining from crying out while being held captive

"They weren't in there shooting like in an American movie," Leader said. "It was finding a target and then shooting, and then finding the next target and then shooting."

Corbett said she and Jack Konda, 21, another student from Nottingham University, escaped by crawling over "a pile of people" — they weren't certain whether they were dead or alive — near the fire exit.

Michael O'Connor, another Briton who was attending the concert with his girlfriend, spoke to the BBC of utter chaos with "people falling all over the place, people screaming, people just clawing and running and pushing to get away."
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CASUALTIES

Identities, details of more victims emerge

A Chilean mother and her daughter, cut down in a concert hall while the daughter's five-year-old son survived. A young Italian woman, separated from her boyfriend and friends when the concert erupted in chaos. They were among the latest victims named as officials on Sunday continued the heavy task of identifying the 129 people killed in Friday night's co-ordinated terrorist attacks in Paris. Among the confirmed dead:

— **Nick Alexander**, 36, of Colchester, England, who was working at the Bataclan concert hall selling merchandise for the performing band, Eagles of Death Metal.

— **Thomas Ayad**, 32, producer manager for Mercury Music Group and a music buff who was killed at the Bataclan.

— **Asta Diakite**, cousin of French midfielder Lassana Diarra, who played against Germany in Friday's soccer match at Stade de France, during which three suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the stadium Friday night.

— **Patricia San Martin Nunez**, 61, a Chilean exile, and her daughter, **Elsa Veronique Delplace San Martin**, 35. They were attending the concert at the Bataclan with Elsa's five-year-old son, who Chilean officials say survived.

— **Valeria Solesin**, 28, an Italian-born doctoral student at the Sorbonne. She had lived in Paris for several years and had gone to the concert at the Bataclan with her boyfriend. They lost track of each other as they tried to escape.
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Paris attacks signal global move by ISIL

Paris

Group may be using recent bombings to attract recruits

As the deadly attacks in Paris made horrifically clear, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group is determined to establish itself as the dominant jihadist movement capable of operating far beyond the limits of its self-declared "caliphate."

Doing so achieves numerous aims for the group, not least of which could be winning it clout to attract even more recruits. Others may include sharpening divisions between Muslims and non-Muslims in Europe — and forcing the West into a difficult choice of either backing off or being drawn into what ISIL would see as a holy war in Syria and Iraq.

A woman lights a candle at a makeshift memorial in tribute to the victims of Paris' attacks on Nov. 15 at the place de la Republique in Paris, France. JOEL SAGET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Coming soon after ISIL claimed the downing of the Russian plane in Egypt and deadly suicide bombings in Lebanon and Turkey, the Paris attacks appear to signal a fundamental shift in strategy toward a more global approach that experts suggest is likely to intensify.

"The message is that this is an open war, not restricted to the conflict zone in Iraq and Syria," said Bilal Saab, a resident senior fellow for Middle East Security at Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security.

Until now, the militant Sunni group had mostly focused on its internal rivals — Bashar Assad's regime and rival Muslim Shiites, which the group considers to be heretics.

ISIL claimed that Friday night's attacks, during which scores of innocent victims were methodically gunned down in the heart of Paris, was a response to France's role in U.S.-led airstrikes against ISIL in both Iraq and Syria.

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BALKAN CORRIDOR

Passport highlights lax security measures

The focus on a Syrian passport found near the Paris attacks highlights an uncomfortable reality: European authorities are completing few checks on the hundreds of thousands of people moving across their territory fleeing war and poverty.

The passport found near the body of a suicide bomber was registered in October in Greece, Serbia and Croatia, three of the countries on the corridor that crosses the Balkans and is known for lax controls and ease in obtaining transit documents. The owner was allowed to proceed because he passed what is essentially the only test in place — he had no international arrest warrant against him, police in the states said Sunday.

It was not clear whether the passport was real or fake, or whether it belonged to the suicide bomber. But trafficking in fake Syrian passports has increased as hundreds of thousands of people try to get refugee status, the chief of the European Union border agency Frontex has said. Most of those who enter countries on the so-called Balkan corridor for migrants — Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia — are registered with authorities. Their data are checked against Interpol records, and their fingerprints and photos are taken. But, many people tell officials that they've lost their identity papers, and they can give false names and other information, including their country of origin.

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In this October 2015 photo, migrants enter to register with the police in a refugee centre in the southern Serbian town of Presevo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

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the big question

Why do we pay more attention to Paris than Beirut?

"It's not Paris we should pray for. It is the world ... in which Beirut, reeling from bombings, is not covered in the press," says a meme responding to the viral hashtag #PrayForParis and Facebook profile pictures featuring the French flag. The global reaction to suicide bombings that killed dozens in Lebanon's capital on Thursday was slower and less severe than reaction to the Paris attacks, says Simon Fraser University communication studies professor Richard Smith. "There is a Western (European and North American) bias in Western media." But there are other reasons, too. Thousands of Canadians visit Paris every year. The attacks felt like they could have happened here, Smith adds. Bombings are sadly common in the Middle East — and unusual in Paris. The fallout from the French attacks, like military action against ISIL, could affect Canadians directly. Still, social media may be getting us concerned about issues we don't directly relate to, like violence in Lebanon and the Syrian refugee crisis — and that's a good thing, Smith says. Beirut's tragedy may even have gained *more* eyeballs because it coincided with the one in Paris.

Council's transit budget isn't frugal, it's cheap

COLLINS' CAPITAL
Steve Collins

OC Transpo's general manager John Manconi often points out that his budget-balancing options are limited: raise fares, increase taxes or cut service. For 2016, he's proposing to do all three.

This year's weak ridership numbers and $11.5-million deficit, on top of Mayor Watson's two per cent cap on tax increases, have put the pressure on OC Transpo.

So taxpayers will shell out two per cent more and riders 2.5 per cent more (the actual fare breakdown won't be delivered until early next year, but transit commissioners are expected to rubber-stamp the increases next month).

In return, OC Transpo is offering its customers a $500,000 cut to service, killing off the first and last runs of certain low-ridership buses.

Among the routes targeted for a pruning are the 16 and the 111. If you ride those buses (or used to) you may remember that they were also among the victims of the Great Rationalization of 2011, which cut $20 million from bus service and preceded a years-long slump in ridership from which we have yet to recover.

The 16 was shortened, the 111 "consolidated," and now the remaining diehards still depending on the attenuated service are being told to suck it up again.

The proposal tripped alarms with transit commissioners Jean Cloutier, Keith Egli and Blair Crew, who pointed out that the cuts may endanger the jobs of shift workers who can't just show up later.

These cuts come on top of delays riders can expect as more sections of the Transitway are shut down for LRT construction (Merton to Empress in December, Laurier to Hurdman in April, Merton to Tunney's Pasture in June).

At least Transpo isn't pinning its hopes, as in previous years, on an increase in ridership to balance the books. They instead project a flat 97 million rides. Under the circumstances, this prediction still strikes me as the sunniest optimism, but we'll see.

It also turns out, despite Manconi's taxes-fares-service mantra, there are other ways to drum up extra revenue.

"I know many of you have talked to me about thinking outside the box, and we're doing that," he told councillors.

Among these bright ideas is expanding special transit charges for events at TD Place to stick the organizers of other big events for the "incremental cost" of extra buses.

"I've had organizers come to me looking to explore this model because it's a good marketing tool and the costs are nominal when you look at some of the ticket (prices) they're charging," Manconi said.

But it doesn't look like Bluesfest, despite being specifically targeted for a $200,000 shakedown, was beating down Manconi's door to add another surcharge to their ticket prices. Festival director Mark Monahan said it was the first he'd ever heard of the scheme.

The mayor has staked serious political capital on keeping tax increases to two per cent, and laid it on thick last week about the need for the city to live within its means.

But there's a line between frugal and just cheap, a line over which this transit budget veers repeatedly.

Steve Collins lives in Ottawa. He might also be the guy behind you on the bus, pretending not to notice you're reading this. Act casual.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Resist the temptation of simple explanations for Paris attacks

It's OK that you're alive. It's OK that you had brunch on Saturday, or had wine with friends last night, or made a Christmas shopping list.

It's also OK not to have a simple response to Friday's horrific attack in Paris. It was gruesome, unimaginable, even to Parisians "staggering and groggy, still trying to believe what happened," said Canadian writer and Paris resident Nancy Huston. It felt a tiny bit inevitable, for the terrorism that routinely slaughters Muslims to again hit Westerners.

There are already plenty of pat answers swirling, the same that have arisen after similar attacks. They feel predictable, even scripted. They risk oversimplicity, when the questions are far too important.

Take those calling for Canada to increase our bombing campaign in Syria, not end it, as the Liberals have promised. A militaristic response feeds revenge, but doesn't have the best track record in the Middle East. If the Liberals truly believe long-term solutions are found elsewhere, we have been shown again how much we need them.

Consider, too, the calls to slow our intake of Syrian refugees, lest some be terrorists — a wholly unnecessary move, say some immigration experts, that ignores the screenings already planed.

Take Francois Hollande's claim that somehow only now, with the spilling of Parisian blood, has the war begun, while ISIL called the attack a retaliation against France for dropping bombs in Syria, where the war has been raging for five years. (France launched significant airstrikes at ISIL targets over the weekend.)

Beware also the need to underline the way Muslim groups are dutifully condemning the attack — despite the fact that ISIL is a vicious offshoot of Islam, and in no way synonymous with a religion of 1.6 billion people. Too much emphasis on such remarks reeks of Islamophobia.

Painting your Facebook profile photo red, white and blue may seem an obvious move. But some will note that more routine terrorist attacks outside the West don't get the same social media play, and others will argue that the root causes of violent extremism in the Middle East were not birthed in isolation .

On Sunday morning, CBC host Michael Enright asked Nancy Houston if, in the spirit of slogans coined after 9/11 and the Charlie Hebdo attack, we are all Parisians?

"I don't know who your 'we' is, Michael, I'm afraid," she responded. Her point: there is no global "we." That doesn't mean we — Canadians — shouldn't attend memorials, or condemn the violence, or push for public debate about what to do after this last wave of terrorism. I only mean to say we should tread carefully.

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Six steps to building a financial plan

If you're like most people, you probably know you should have a financial plan, even if you haven't actually developed one yet.

Don't worry, says Lee Bennett, Senior Vice President, TD Wealth Financial Planning, it's never too late – or too early — to start. "A financial plan isn't just to help you save for retirement," says Bennett. "Whether it's paying off a student loan, buying a car or a home, starting a family, or even travelling, everyone, at every stage of life, has goals that a financial plan can help them achieve."

Bennett offers the following tips on how to help you get from where you are today to where you want to be in the future:

1. Think about your goals and objectives
Knowing where you want to go is the foundation of a sound financial plan and will help you decide which route to take.

2. Gather the data
A financial planner can help you assess where you are now and what financial resources you already have.

3. Do the analysis
This step will help you identify the right solutions for your particular journey. A financial planner can assist you in reviewing your specific situation and help you choose from the many options that are available.

4. Develop a strategy
This is your action plan of what you need to do to achieve your financial goals. Working with a financial planner can help ensure that your plan is realistic and achievable.

5. Put it into practice
A financial plan is only helpful if you put its recommendations into action.

6. Follow up and review
Just as your life changes over time — a new job, a family, a home — your financial goals can change, too, so it's important to meet with your financial planner and regularly review your plan to make sure it stays relevant to your particular needs.

Knowing how to start can sometimes be the biggest challenge. A financial planner is a great source of knowledge and can help you get on track to achieving your goals of today and tomorrow.

Savvy Saver Quiz:

Are my finances on track?

Whether you're a recent graduate, mid-career, or getting ready for retirement, every life stage requires financial planning. Not sure where to start? **Check out TD's Savvy Saver quiz** to help figure out where you are and where you need to be. Here are a few questions to get you started …

Expenses & finances

What does your emergency fund look like?

a. Emergency what?

b. I'm just getting started but have some money set aside.

c. In decent shape – I've got three months' salary stashed away

d. I've got more than enough to pay my bills, save for the future and still manage to have some fun.

Leisure

What does your entertainment spending look like?

a. I'm living paycheque-to-paycheque because of my entertainment spending.

b. I sometimes go overboard with my entertainment spending.

c. A portion of my budget is set aside for fun – dinners out, the occasional movie or show.

d. I have enough money to do what I want, when I want and my wallet never loses any sleep over it.

Long-term investments

What types of investments do you currently have?

a. Investments?

b. I recently opened a Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA)/ an RSP and I'm thinking about getting other investments, too.

c. I make regular contributions to my TFSA and RSP and/or hold shares/other investments.

d. I have a solid, diverse portfolio to which I make healthy contributions every month.

Interested in getting more of a pulse check on your progress? Take the full quiz at **metronews.ca/tdsavvysaver**.

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CBS shelves Supergirl and NCIS episodes due to deadly Paris attacks

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The Games will go on

Mockingjay Part 2 opens this week — now that the franchise has reached its final act, Hunger Games fans will be searching for ways to get their Panem fix. Director Francis Lawrence has said he isn't opposed to spinoffs, and tributes will surely find creative ways to keep immersed in Katniss's world. We imagine five ways the Games will go on.

TRIBUTES

The Bar

A Harry Potter-themed bar called The Lockhart recently opened in Toronto, featuring "potions & elixirs" that allude to characters and a decor that pulls from inscriptions in the book.

In our ideal Hunger Games-themed bar, the references would be much more overt. It would, of course, be called Tributes. Local city bylaws prevent weaponry from being in such close proximity to alcohol, so instead of a crossbow range on the patio we would settle on a dartboard where the bull's-eye would be President Snow's face.

The house drink — "Haymitch's pick" — is the Tracker Jacker, where the key poison is fennel-infused absinthium wormwood. Everything on this menu, called Grill on Fire, is flambé: squirrel, venison, turkey. Each order comes with a complimentary basket of bread from Mellark's, the bakery down the street, made by the baker's hot, ashy-blond-haired son. MELITA KUBURAS/METRO

PANEMONIUM

The Band

Consider The Flux Capacitors, a SoCal ensemble that bills itself as "the only official Back to the Future-themed '80s band." The group performs '80s hits decked out as Marty, Doc, Biff and the like, and even brings a DeLorean replica to shows.

So what would a Hunger Games tribute band be named? Panemoninum is an obvious choice if we're going in a punk direction, but we also like The Jabberjays for a hip-hop crew, or Peeta Burnt the Bread for the shoegazing crowd. Katniss as the frontwoman is a given. We also see Johanna shredding it on her axe/guitar and Finnick wielding a trident-shaped bass.

There's no shortage of songs about stickin' it to the man to choose from: Fight the Power, Killing in the Name (natch), The Times They Are A-Changin'. Any encore would have to include a haunting rendition of The Hanging Tree, followed by the anti-establishment anthem Tubthumping. Those Panem rebels, they get knocked down, but they get up again. EVA LAM/METRO

BUTTERCUP CAFÉ

The Theme Park

As if following the adventures of Katniss Everdeen didn't come with enough ups and downs, fans will soon be able to take a real-life roller-coaster ride inspired by her train trip to the Capitol, and a simulated hovercraft tour of the Panem nation. Hunger Games theme park projects are planned in Dubai, China and the U.S. A recreation of District 12 complete with costumed characters is in the works for the complex in Dubai, but here's what Metro would add to the mix:

- A midway-style Whac-a-Mutt game.
- A cat café in honour of Buttercup, the cat Katniss loves to hate.
- Katniss vs. Everybody tees.
- Effie Trinket's fabulous fake eyelashes as souvenirs.

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CRESSIDA AND POLLUX

The Storyline

With the vague possibility that the series could be extended, Metro proposes three options (spoiler alert for discussion of plot points in Mockingjay Part 2):

Prequel: A President Snow origin story
There's so much we don't know about the origins of the man who rules Panem. How did Coriolanus Snow become its ruthless leader? What motivates his cruelty? What's with the poison and why white roses to mask his bloody breath?

Sequel: The rebuilding of Panem
A new president is in place following an emergency election. How will he or she direct the nation and districts? A political drama full of backstabbing and skullduggery a la House of Cards could be a nice change from the constant battle scenes of the first four films.

TV Series — Behind the scenes with Cressida and Pollux
The rebellion's resident filmmakers have moved on from war coverage to documenting the rebuilding efforts of Panem. They travel from district to district collecting and sharing the stories of the people of Panem. LIZ BROWN/METRO

STANDARD ISSUE WEAR

The Style

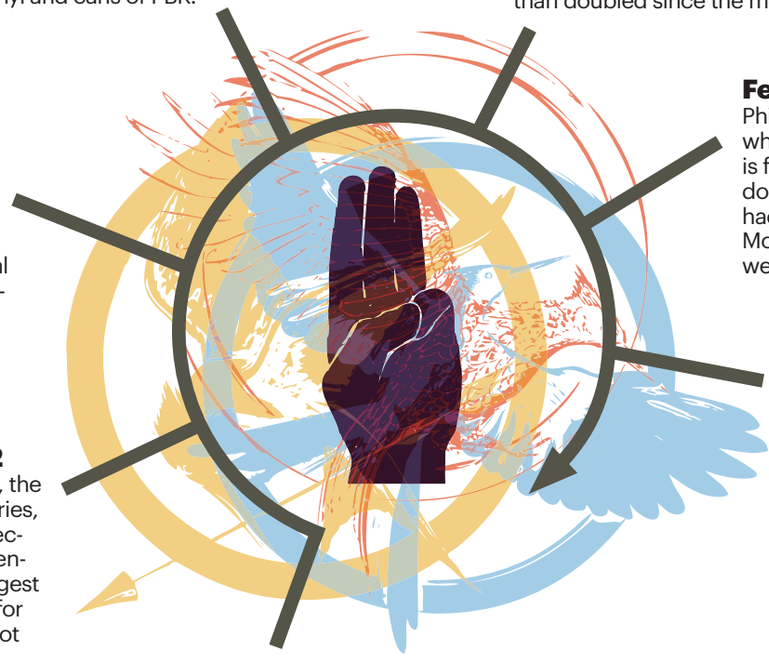
In 2013, luxury e-retailer Net-A-Porter teamed up with Trish Summerville, costume designer for Hunger Games Catching Fire, on a capsule collection based on the film. The Capitol Couture line featured adaptations of designs that appeared in the movie including a laser-cut leather dress for $995 US inspired by Katniss Everdeen's chariot outfit. But aspiring to dress like the ruling class is rather crass. If you're with the revolution, your clothing should transcend rank.

Metro proposes a District 13 diffusion line of unisex standard issue wear that doesn't oppress its maker or its wearer. Locally made using sustainable fabrics and production methods, these classic designs would be the base of any egalitarian's wardrobe. Wearing a daily uniform doesn't have to be stifling, as many creatives and innovators have discovered (see: Sofia Coppola, Karl Lagerfeld, Steve Jobs). It frees up mental energy for other pursuits. NICHOLE JANKOWSKI/METRO

TIMELINE THE HUNGER GAMES ENTERS POP CULTURE

April 2012
"Based on the obscure novel you've probably never heard of," The Hunger Games parody the Hipster Games is released on YouTube. In the short video, participants compete by fighting over rare vinyl and cans of PBR.

Nov. 27, 2013
NPR reports that the shooting range at Archery in the Wild in northern Colorado, once the playground of hunters and men in camouflage, is now dominated by girls. CEO of USA Archery tells the news organization that membership in their group has more than doubled since the movies came out.



March 30, 2012
Original release date for The Hunger Games in Vietnam, but it was deemed too violent by the Vietnamese National Film Board, which ultimately banned the film.

Feb. 2, 2014
Philip Seymour Hoffman, the actor who portrays Plutarch Heavensbee, is found dead after a heroin overdose. At the time of his death, he had completed The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1, and had a week left of shooting for Part 2.

March 23, 2012
The Hunger Games, the first movie in the series, is released. It sets records for biggest opening day and the biggest opening weekend (for a non-sequel film, not released during the summer or holidays).

July 31, 2015
After years of thinkpieces exploring whether the popular series is an indictment of the left, the right, reality TV or the 1 per cent, a celebration of the individual, the collective or feminism, The Politics of the Hunger Games by author Jamey Heit is released. The debate, however, rages on.

EMINA GAMULIN/METRO

Feb. 28, 2012
Before the movie is even officially released, Tumblr blog Hunger Games Tweets is created to draw attention to racist tweets by people complaining about characters like Rue and Thresh being portrayed by black actors. This despite the fact that series creator Suzanne Collins specifically described the characters of having dark skin.

Gale vs. Peeta

It's the ultimate debate for Hunger Games fans. Who should Katniss choose?

LIZ BROWN/METRO

Gale Hawthorne

Pros:
- Gale and Katniss have plenty in common: hunting, the great outdoors, and knowing what it's like to almost starve to death.
- If Panem were a bit more peaceful he'd be the football star, the prom king. He's the hot guy you want to show off to your friends.
- He's solid and stoic — he hunts for his family and comforts Prim as Katniss takes her place in the reaping.

Cons:
- He's a 'the-ends-justify-the-means' kind of guy, which isn't the best thing if you're prone to empathy.
- Much like Katniss, he's full of anger and vengeance — and two firecrackers is nothing but trouble in a relationship.

Peeta Mellark

Pros:
- He's the baker's son — plenty of carbs any time you like — as Katniss learns, that's a good thing when you're almost starving to death.
- He's kind and generous, risking his life to protect the people he loves.
- He's an artist and in times of peace his esthetic would come in handy for decorating a nice home in District 12.

Cons:
- Short and non-athletic — he's dead weight when it comes to hunting and death battles.
- The brainwashing and attempts to kill Katniss are romance killers.

CONCLUSION
Neither guy is worthy of a woman like Katniss. She should strike out on her own.

ART APES LIFE

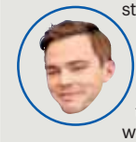
How Jennifer Lawrence is Katniss Everdeen

She came from humble beginnings, the spotlight thrust upon her despite her obvious discomfort, and she went on to inspire a nation. Are we talking about Katniss Everdeen, Jennifer Lawrence's Hunger Games character, or Lawrence herself? How about both?

The parallels are eerie if you look closely enough. Lawrence first came to the public's attention in the critically acclaimed Sundance darling Winter's Bone, which saw her scrounging around Appalachia, hunting and skinning squirrels and risking life and limb to provide for her younger siblings. It was basically the first act of the first Hunger Games movie, minus all the totalitarianism.

We thrilled with each new, elaborate red carpet gown; marvelled at every acting triumph. We agonized over each death-defying pratfall before the cameras — until we realized her natural clumsiness was her greatest weapon. This girl really was on fire.

She even found herself in a real, honest-to-Panem love triangle, her heart torn between lanky, British X-Men: First Class co-star Nicholas Hoult (shown left) and her first true love — working in awesome movies. Try as she might to make it work with Hoult, her thoughts were clearly elsewhere. If there wasn't an X-Men movie actually in active production, she couldn't make things work with Hoult. They'll always have Montreal, though.



As her work brought her more and more into contact with the Capitol — or, you know, Hollywood — she courted more danger, more scrutiny, more creepy older men — like Chris Martin (shown right) — pawing at her. But through it all she kept her chin up, secure in her folksy dignity.

Now that the Hunger Games series is done, Katniss is free to pursue a happy, quiet life away from the spotlight. But when will Lawrence be able to do the same? Hasn't she suffered enough, David O. Russell?

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Don't give up on True Detective yet

Although the show is in love with its moodiness, the action ramps up in episode four of True Detective's second season. HANDOUT

TV DRAMA

If you stick with it, the series' second season pays off

TRUE DETECTIVE: SEASON TWO, EPISODE FOUR (HBO CANADA)

Three of the four main characters — cops in various stages of burnt-out played by Rachel McAdams, Colin Farrell and Taylor Kitsch — get into a shootout with some very determined drug dealers.

For ten minutes, the action escalates: A sniper picks off cops, cops return fire, a meth lab explodes, a bus crashes, innocent bystanders die. A brilliant tracking shot follows McAdams as she runs through a factory, gun brandished. (The director is Jeremy Podeswa, the Canadian filmmaker.)

Not only is it taut, it's plausible, and you always know where you are in time and space — which, in our era of hyper-quick cuts, is rare. Plus, character is revealed: who's reckless, who cowers.

Then, when the last bad guy goes down — this is the part I love best — the show pauses to let our heroes double over, panting and swearing, and absorb the carnage. For a full minute. I'd never seen that done quite so well, where a show stands still and lets you soak something in.

I realize that everyone has decided to hate season two. I see what people complain about — it's a slow unfolding, a bit too in love with its moodiness. But I don't find it that different from season one.

I recall wading through a lot of Matthew McConaughey gobbledegook (enjoyable, but often nonsensical) before the payoffs came in. And the payoff in this episode is a jaw-dropper. Because it's the series midpoint, it made me re-evaluate everything that came before.

It earned my respect.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

Selena Gomez selling mansion

Apparently Calabasas — the arid suburb 45 minutes north of Los Angeles — is falling out of favour with the pop stars of the world.

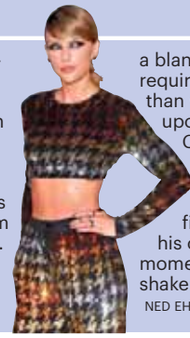
The area first rose to prominence when Britney Spears and Jessica Simpson moved into mega-mansions there, but you probably recognize it from Justin Bieber's egg-throwing days.

Bieber doesn't live there anymore, and pretty soon neither will ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez, who is ditching her 7,700-square-foot, six-bedroom, seven-bath mansion, according to E! News. And it can be yours if you're ready to pony up $4.5 million.

I wonder if the prices have gone up because of all the celebrities moving out. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

A most Swift court ruling

There are few things I love more than people who know how to have a little fun with their day jobs, and the judge who had to humour Jessie Braham's lawsuit against Taylor Swift over claims she ripped Shake it Off from him is a shining example. She dismissed the case in style, quoting several Swift hits in the process: "At present, the Court is not saying that Braham can never, ever, ever get his case back in court. But, for now, we have got problems, and the Court is not sure Braham can solve them. As currently drafted, the Complaint has a blank space — one that requires Braham to do more than write his name. And, upon consideration of the Court's explanation ... Braham may discover that mere pleading Band-Aids will not fix the bullet holes in his case. At least for the moment, Defendants have shaken off this lawsuit."



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MONEY

'Keeping up,' a senseless concern

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For Metro Canada

I am astounded at the progress we have not made when it comes to living our lives authentically.

Oh we talk about it. And read about it. And talk about it some more. But the reality is that we're worse than ever.

We've gone from keeping up with the Joneses (the guys next door) to Keeping Up With The Kardashians, which is a much more expensive proposition.

And we've allowed house porn to juice us into buying more than we can afford so we can have what "they" have.

We like to think of peer pressure as something our teenagers experience and must learn to manage. The phenomenon is called "imaginary audience." Those poor sods are convinced the world is judging them and they spend inordinate amounts of time primping and preening.

They so need to fit in, so they'll bend over backwards to the pressure, perceived or real, that they feel.

I'm sure you know more than a few people — no, I'm not talking about teenagers — who are obsessed with impressing others to the point that they'll blow the equivalent of a week's income on a pair of shoes, which turn out to be damn uncomfortable to wear.

Or they're so determined to be "that guy," they'll offer to pay for everyone's meal only to then have to carry a balance or hit up Mommy and Daddy for rent money.

Or they line up for hours (or days) to buy that new piece of technology because buying it three weeks later when you can just waltz into the store is just so not cool.

Social media seems to add to the problem. If everyone you know is Facebook Happy you might wonder why your life seems so ho-hum. Maybe you need to take in a concert or three, hop on down to The Big Apple for a weekend or renovate so you have something to brag about.

Never mind that posting fabulous pictures to show that you, too, have a great life means you'll forgo saving anything for the future. Hey, the future is a long way off, right?

"Keeping up" has moved from keeping stride with those people with whom we directly interact to keeping abreast of a world of people we hardly ever see or may not even know personally. If you think other people are doing way better than you are, and wonder why you can't have what they seem to enjoy, know that Facebook Happy is an illusion.

While you may be able to see the results of conspicuous consumption, what you can't see is the debt-rot in the background of those glamorous selfies.

Learning how to balance your money and your life is an important part of growing up. Recognizing that there are things more important than "how things look" is a major step in shifting from the superficial to the substantial.

How you choose to use your money is about choice and about understanding that there's more to your life than meets the eye.

The Kardashians may look like they have it all, but we don't know what goes on when the cameras aren't rolling. ARTUR HARUTYUNYAN/AP PHOTO, PAN PHOTO

American Brittany Bowe broke Cindy Klassen's world record in the 1,500 metres en route to gold at the long-track speedskating World Cup

NASL FINAL FURY FALL, COSMOS OVER THE MOON Ottawa Fury midfielder Mauro Eustáquio goes on the attack against the New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League's Soccer Bowl on Sunday in Hempstead, N.Y. Gaston Cellerino scored three times and the Cosmos captured the league championship with a 3-2 victory. Tom Heinemann scored both of the goals for the Fury, who were unbeaten (8-0-5) in their 13 previous matches. NEW YORK COSMOS

Redblacks, Tiger-Cats to go at it one more time

CFL PLAYOFFS

Tabbies to visit Ottawa next weekend for East final

The Ottawa Redblacks are getting used to seeing the Hamilton Tiger-Cats line up on the opposite end of the field.

They ended the regular season by sweeping a home-and-home series against the Ticats, and now they'll play them again in next Sunday's East final at TD Stadium after Hamilton downed Toronto 25-22 in Sunday's division semi.

The winner of next week's matchup will earn a spot in the Grey Cup game in Winnipeg on Nov. 29.

"Usually you would think that's a little bit awkward," Redblacks coach Rick Campbell said of meeting the Ticats for three straight games. "But I think just because it's a playoff game now all that stuff gets thrown out the window as far as the records during the season and who you played because it's going to be a huge game.

"We're just excited to know who we're finally going to play."

The Tiger-Cats will be riding an emotional high after Sunday's dramatic win — on a 46-yard field goal on the final play of the game. They'll also be looking for redemption after dropping those last two games of the regular season, including a 44-28 loss the last time they were at TD Place, to give the Redblacks first place in the East.

"They're very athletic, they're explosive and we know we're going to have to play very good football, in fact our best football of the year to get where we want to go," Campbell said. "But that's what we're going to be planning on doing."

The Redblacks practised last week and tried to keep things as normal as possible, but Campbell admitted it was nice to finally know who they would be facing.

"It becomes even more real now and the game keeps getting closer and I know our guys will have their minds on Hamilton and then we'll get to work and get a good week of practice in," he said. "It's exciting because now you know who's coming."

Among the storylines between the two teams is Henry Burris' history with the Tiger-Cats.

The 40-year-old Redblacks QB led Hamilton to the Grey Cup in 2013, which they lost to Saskatchewan, but was released in the off-season after Hamilton signed free agent Zach Collaros. Burris has said he never felt he had coach Kent Austin's support and knew his time was limited.

"I don't think anybody needs motivation with a game like this when you have a chance to go to the Grey Cup," said Campbell. "Motivation's not an issue in this game, but what is an issue is trying to play good, smart football for 60 minutes and trying to tip the odds in your favour."

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WEST SEMIFINAL

Stamps put down Lions

The Calgary Stampeders advanced to the CFL's West Division final with a 35-9 win over the B.C. Lions in Sunday's semifinal.

The Stampeders, who got a pair of touchdown strikes from quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell to Eric Rogers, head to Edmonton to face the Eskimos next Sunday with the winner advancing to this year's Grey Cup.

IN BRIEF

Homan caps perfect National with title

Ottawa's Rachel Homan edged Tracy Fleury of Sudbury, Ont., 5-4 to win the National, her second straight Grand Slam of Curling tournament after claiming the Masters two weeks ago.

Rachel Homan GETTY IMAGES FILE

Homan, with third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney, and lead Lisa Weagle, trailed 4-3 heading into the final end but scored a deuce to claim the victory. Homan and her rink were the only team to run the table at the event, going 7-0 through round robin and the playoffs.

In the men's final, Brad Gushue from St. John's, N.L., beat Winnipeg's Reid Carruthers 7-2.

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Djokovic continues his roll at ATP finals

Novak Djokovic stretched his winning streak to 15 straight at the ATP finals by beating Kei Nishikori 6-1, 6-1 Sunday.

The top-ranked Serb has not lost at the season-ending tournament at the O2 Arena since 2011. He has won three straight titles since then.

Djokovic lost only nine points on his serve and never faced a break point. With Nishikori serving, Djokovic won 30 of the 53 points played.

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Park goes bogey-free for third victory of season

Inbee Park won the Lorena Ochoa Invitational on Sunday, holding off Carlota Ciganda for her fifth victory of the season and 17th LPGA Tour title.

The second-ranked South Korean star birdied the final two holes for a bogey-free 8-under 64 and a three-stroke victory over Ciganda in cloudy conditions at tree-lined Club de Golf Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Perfect Patriots beat Giants in last second

The Patriots haven't had a tougher test this season than the Giants gave them Sunday.

New England passed — and remained undefeated — on Stephen Gostkowski's 54-yard field goal with 1 second remaining for a 27-26 victory over New York.

The Giants, who seemed to have New England's number, were poised to knock the Patriots from the ranks of the unbeaten on Josh Brown's fourth field goal with 1:47 remaining. But you don't beat the Patriots (9-0) with field goals.

After Brown made his franchise-record 27th field goal from 29 yards, Tom Brady drove the Patriots 44 yards, converting a fourth-and-10 on the series.

Gostkowski sent his winning kick soaring through the uprights. New York (5-5) has given the Patriots fits under Tom Coughlin, including two Super Bowl wins, and nearly pulled off another victory.

Trumaine McBride intercepted Brady at the goal line, setting up an 86-yard, 15-play march to Brown's field goal. That left room for Brady, who hit Danny Amendola three times for 32 yards on the winning series. Both Odell Beckham Jr. and New England's Rob Gronkowski had the longest TD catches of their careers: Beckham for 87 yards and Gronkowski for 76.

The Patriots inexorably marched downfield with the opening kickoff on a 14-play, 80-yard drive. Backup tight end Scott Chandler capped it with a 1-yard reception, giving New England a point in an NFL-record 32 straight quarters. They extended it to 35 with Gostkowski's second-quarter field goal; LeGarrette Blount's 1-yard TD run following Amendola's 82-yard punt runback in the third and the long pass to Gronkowski in the fourth.

SUNDAY in New Jersey

27	26
PATRIOTS	GIANTS

The Giants, still in first place in the NFC East, controlled long portions of the game.

Just 51 seconds after Chandler's touchdown, Beckham stunned the Patriots with a spectacular reaching catch-and-run on which he split New England's defence. Eli Manning, as sharp as ever in the first half, hit Dwayne Harris in the back left corner of the end zone for a 17-10 halftime edge.

Manning had a career-best for one half of 251 yards passing. Brady had 127. Manning got plenty of help from New England mistakes to start the second half: 36 yards on a pair of pass interference penalties. Brown made a 38-yard field goal to end that possession. He later hit a 53-yarder for a 23-17 lead.

Against New England, that's rarely enough. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Patriots' **LeGarrette Blount**, centre, scores a TD against the NY Giants at MetLife Stadium on Sunday. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Timori earns U-20 Canucks friendly draw with Mexico

Calgary-born defender Fikayo Timori scored to lift Canada's under-20 soccer team to a 1-1 draw with Mexico in a friendly Sunday.

The Canadians held much of the possession in the first half, and got on the scoreboard with Timori's first goal for Canada in the 43rd minute. But Mexico tied it up after a Canadian own goal in the 73rd. It was the second of two friendlies the teams played this week. The Mexicans had defeated Canada 2-0 on Friday. The Canadian team, under coach Rob Gale, is holding a 10-day camp in Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Holly Holm of the U.S., right, lands a kick to the neck to knock out compatriot Ronda Rousey and win the UFC title fight in Melbourne on Sunday. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Reality hits Holm for dethroned Rousey

UFC

Highly fancied champ throws title away after 2nd-round KO

Ronda Rousey was the UFC's unstoppable force until Holly Holm used the former champion's aggression against her to produce one of the sport's biggest upsets.

Rousey chased Holm around the ring at UFC 193 on Sunday — looking for the right hold and taking head shots along the way — until Holm saw an opening 59 seconds into the second round and snapped a kick to the head that immediately dropped her more fancied opponent to the canvas.

Holm (10-0) jumped on the fallen Rousey, delivering several blows to her head before the referee intervened, ending Rousey's 12-fight unbeaten run and handing Holm the bantamweight title.

An ecstatic Holm jumped around the ring while Rousey stayed on the canvas as she received medical treatment amid the roar of a stunned, record UFC crowd.

"She's won a lot of fights and imposed her will on a lot of fighters," Holm said. "So I expected her to be aggressive and impose her will on me. Rousey, a former judo Olympian, was unbeaten through 12 UFC fights before meeting Holm, and a win would have been her seventh title defence. Instead, Holm, a 34-year-old veteran female boxer from Albuquerque, N.M., has the championship belt. Rousey left the stadium to receive treatment for concussion and facial cuts at a nearby hospital after the loss and skipped the post-fight media conference.

"Obviously she's completely bummed out and depressed," UFC chief Dana White said. White said a rematch between Holm and Rousey made "a lot of sense" and would put other potential matchups on the back-burner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New champ Holly Holm with the belt THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LETOURNEAU

In the other title bout, a bloodied Joanna Jedrzejczyk outlasted a brave showing from Montreal's Valerie Letourneau to successfully defend her strawweight belt in a five-round slugfest.

Jedrzejczyk (11-0) won a unanimous points decision over Letourneau (8-4) who offered the champion one of her tougher fights in some time.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

Push to rid Canada of indigenous mascots

The head of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission says it's time to get rid of offensive indigenous mascots which would never be tolerated if they targeted any other cultural group.

Justice Murray Sinclair, who spearheaded an examination of Canada's residential schools, says sports teams with offensive names such as Redskins and cartoonish aboriginal-looking mascots have no place in a country trying to come to grips with racism in its past.

"It's only indigenous peoples' symbols that are being utilized by sports teams. I don't think there is any cultural group that is subject to that anymore," Sinclair said in an interview. "People need to re-examine their behaviour — all aspects of their behaviour — the way they are doing business."

Some Canadian high school teams are taking steps to phase out their mascots while others say there is no need.

A Morden, Man., hockey team named the Redskins was criticized recently by a local city councillor, who wanted city council to call for a name change.

> **People need to re-examine their behaviour.**
> Head of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Justice Murray Sinclair

Morden Mayor Ken Wiebe, one of two who voted in favour of the motion, said he couldn't talk about it because council ultimately decided not to get involved.

"This is not a sword I'm going to fall on," he said. The team's general manager, Brent Meleck, who is aboriginal, said the name has "been around for a long time. We're not doing anything wrong."

However, several Canadian junior and high school teams did opt to change their names last year following public concern. Among them was the Nepean Redskins youth football team in Ottawa which changed its name to the Nepean Eagles after a human rights complaint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Mushroom Cheddar Chowder

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Let's get the week started with something easy. This creamy bowl of earthy goodness will be on the table in under half an hour.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1 large shallot, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 lb mushrooms, sliced (we like to use a mix of cremini and portabello)
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 3 tablespoons spelt flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pinch of pepper
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese for garnish
- 2 tablespoons sour cream or Greek yogurt

Directions
1. In a large pot over medium heat, melt half the butter. Add shallot, garlic and carrot and sauté until crisp-tender. Pour in half the stock and then add the mushrooms, reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 minutes.
2. In a small saucepan, melt the rest of the butter. Gradually add flour, whisking constantly until smooth. Add milk and bring mixture to a boil, then immediately reduce heat and continue whisking until mixture thickens a bit, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add to soup.
3. Stir in the remaining stock. Season with salt and pepper. Remove pot from heat and, using an immersion blender, blend soup until desired consistency.
4. Ladle into bowls and serve with a helping of grated cheddar, dollop of sour cream or Greek yogurt.

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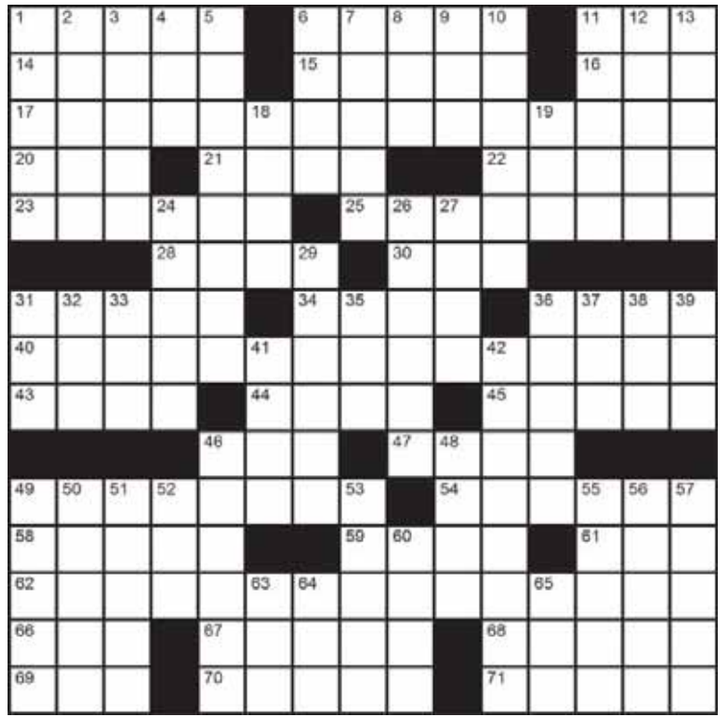

ACROSS
1. Rise up
6. Kind of lizard
11. 0 Meridian letters
14. Mr. Hirsch of movies
15. Highest mountain in Canada
16. Philosopher, __-tzu
17. Canadian TV... Anna Olson or Ricardo Larrivee, for example: 3 wds.
20. Cousin of classic TV
21. Type of mineral
22. Oversight
23. Joshes
25. Emphasizes
28. Deep __ bends
30. Popular
31. Army doc
34. Actress Ms. Farmiga
36. Lively circle dance
40. Good Cheer in Acadia... Social club (the oldest in North America) which Samuel de Champlain established in 1606 in the settlement of Port-Royal: 4 mots
43. Million-__ smile
44. Napoleon's exile isle
45. Tests
46. Dodgy
47. Melody
49. Method of keeping the quiet in the library
54. Endeavoured
58. Voyageur's vessel
59. Carbamide
61. '_' __ for Laughter
62. Canadian favourites in a bag of Ruffles: 3 wds.
66. Flower necklace
67. Meal holder
68. Flood embankment
69. Crafty creation
70. Standoffish
71. Antique-style water carriers

DOWN
1. Install anew
2. Theatrically play it up
3. Flora and fauna of a particular region
4. Yore
5. Magistrate's mercifulness
6. __ sax
7. Fashion designer creations
8. Back then
9. Spoil
10. Short sock
11. Lumps of food
12. En __ (All together)
13. Carries
18. Celtic language
19. Owns
24. Christmas tree's base covering
26. Passage from the mouth
27. Horse coat
29. Crabtree & __ (Upscale soaps retailer)
31. Maintain the lawn
32. Time division
33. Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi" insecticide
35. Wane in the water
36. Spells caster
37. Granny, in Germany
38. Circling stat.
39. Farm animal
41. Grocery store dept.
42. Squid appendage
46. Mount Everest mountaineer
48. Put-upon
49. La __ (Milan opera house)
50. More healthy
51. Without illumination
52. Lay the turf
53. Zestfulness
55. Shade of green
56. Venomous snake
57. S s sSssS
60. Type of snorkelling site
63. Building wing
64. Brazilian city, with Paulo
65. Use an axe for shaping

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
The more others agree with each other the more you will disagree. Are you being perverse for the fun of it or have you subconsciously noticed something that suggests they have got it wrong? Trust your instincts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There may seem to be no reason for what happens but there is a purpose. Your task is to discover what it is and make the changes work for you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Just because something has always been done a certain way does not mean that it must be done that way. Just because something is trendy or fashionable does not mean it is right. Go your own way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you want a job done well today do it yourself. Don't listen to what the so-called experts tell you because their advice is likely to be misleading. You have enough knowledge and enough know-how to do it yourself.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will stir up some trouble today by saying things that others just cannot agree with, but that's okay. You are right to call it as you see it but watch your back.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Anyone who thinks you will back down from a challenging situation does not know you well. You are prepared to battle it out. While you may not win the fight you will win respect.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something will happen that disrupts your routine but there is no point getting upset. Go with the flow and believe that fate knows what is right. Everything will work out.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Sometimes the best way to help others is to leave well alone. Chances are you won't be thinking straight over the next few days, so keep your distance as much as you can.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You believe that all things are possible, that you can overcome any challenge, and you may be right. However, Saturn in your sign warns there are powers at work that even you cannot control, so be careful.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You won't be able to rely on others for advice or assistance over the next two or three days, so you will just have to delve into your reserves of courage and handle whatever life throws at you in your own way.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
No matter how impatient you may be to get started on a new project you are advised to wait. Neptune's influence could make you rather careless over the next few days.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone will go out of their way to provoke you today and you will find it hard not to react. Don't fall into their trap. They are hoping for an excuse to punish you.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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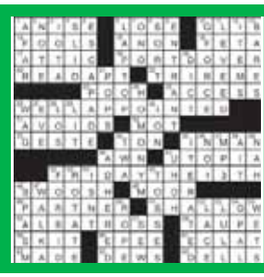

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